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SATURDAY, 3rd JAN., 1959

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## CLUB NOTES

The Christmas programme brought two points out of four, but also difficulties in the way of injuries. Although the injury to Darcy is not as serious as first thought, both he and Edwards will be out of the team for three or four weeks. However, do not let us look too much on the black side, other teams also have their injuries, but often the situation produces the men. May it be so in this case. The opportunity is there for other players to make the First Team. May they succeed and well.

The Third Division is still very open. Two wins could send a team many places higher in the League. At present Southampton are in fourth position with 29 points and Wrexham are in fourteenth position with 25 points, a difference of ten places for only four points.

The Third and Fourth Divisions make interesting reading in so much that the top twelve places in each league are filled almost entirely of Clubs previously in the Third Division (South). The exceptions being Hull City, Tranmere, Bury and Accrington in Division 3, and York, Carlisle and Chester in Division 4. On that reckoning it looks very much (apart from the promotions to Division 2) that the Third Division will eventually be composed of Clubs from the original Division 3 (South).

The inclement weather, allied to early kick-off times, has adversely

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affected the attendance at most games. The weather and the condition of the various grounds has also produced surprising results. At this period of the season stamina and strength seem to count as much as skill.

Today we welcome to the County Ground old friends and rivals in Southampton. At present they occupy fourth position with 29 points from 25 games, whilst Swindon is in ninth position with 27 points from 24 games. As the games with Southampton are almost always needle ones, today's should be no exception, as the records of the two teams are almost identical. We sincerely hope ground conditions will not seriously affect the standard of play. May spectators witness a splendid game, and may the better team win.

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**P. PARKER**—Born at Bow, Devon, Pat joined the Saints from the Newton Abbot Club in 1952. Has played in representative matches for the Third Division (South). Hobby—photography. Height 6' 1" Weight 11st. 4lbs.

**T. MULGREW**—Born in Scotland, Tommy's first English Club was Northampton Town. He was subsequently transferred to Newcastle United from whom the Saints secured his transfer in 1954. Height 5' 6" Weight 10st. 10½lbs.

**T. PAINE**—Terry, who was born in Winchester, was a member of the Southampton Youth XI which won their way to the Semi-Final of the F. A. Youth Challenge Cup for season 1956/57. He also played for the National Association of Boys' Clubs in their International Match v. Scotland. Still only 19, he is regarded as a lad with a most promising future. Height 5' 6¼" Weight 10st. 3¼lbs.

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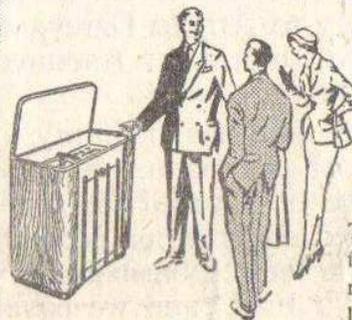
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All supporters will wish to extend their sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery to Arnold Darcy, who, in the match on Boxing Day against Brentford, sustained a fractured collar bone for the second time during this season.

Not for a long time has an injury to a player caused so much indignation, in view of the manner in which it was sustained. From many quarters we have been urged to take the matter to higher authorities, but, as mentioned on previous occasions, this Club never intervenes in matters which are the responsibility of the Directorate and Management of Swindon Town F. C., and we have no doubts that they have made such reports as they deemed appropriate.

Mr. F. S. Sheard, who died recently, had lived in Swindon for a comparatively few years only, but during that time he became a season ticket holder and a regular supporter of the Town. He came to Swindon, on retiring from business, from Manchester, where he had supported the United. He told the writer once that, although he missed his old Club, he had developed a great affection for Swindon Town, and much preferred Division III football to none at all.

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| E | — 3 | Lincoln       | v. | ✓ | Stoke      |
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D. ROPER—Southampton born. Don returned to the Saints from Arsenal in January 1957. One of the most versatile players in the game, he can play in almost any position on the field. Height 6' 0" Weight 12st. 12lbs.

J. HOSKINS—Born in Southampton. Played for Winchester City before joining Southampton. Toured the West Indies with an F.A. XI in the summer of 1955. Height 5' 9½" Weight 10st. 3lbs.

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